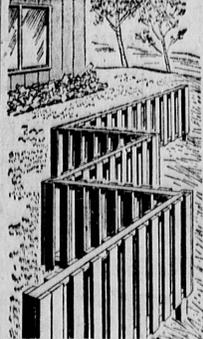




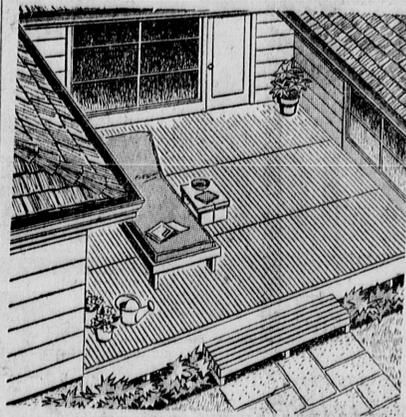
THE TORRANCE HERALD HOME AND GARDEN



SMILING FACES . . . Happy about the situation are the new officers of the Exchange Club after their recent appointment. Shown are Jim Shea, vice president; Charles Sheppard, treasurer; Bette Roeder, queen nominee; Con Whann, secretary; and Tommy Block, president.



Wonderful new landscaping possibilities open up if you design your fence in sawtooth pattern along the property line. Rough-textured Douglas fir or western red cedar boards give an interesting background for separate flower beds in the angle of the sawtooth. Shrubs take on new interest in this irregular pattern. These fences can be low or of estate height, and are especially good along a gully or unimproved neighboring property. Cedar or fir posts can be set in concrete to give longer service. A 2x4 cap of either wood will protect the louvers.



On rocky ground or in shady areas where lawns just refuse to grow, you can install a wooden lawn with interesting results. Made of Douglas fir 2x4s laid on edge on a good solid foundation of 2x8 or 2x10 fir joists, this wooden lawn becomes a popular patio and lounge area. Best of all, it is easy to keep clean if the 2x4s are nailed so there is a quarter inch space to permit water to run through when you hose off dirt and dust. Support posts for the joists should be set on heavy rocks or cement piers and ample space provided for water to drain away. You need not even finish the 2x4s which will weather to a natural gray and will last indefinitely.

Drip-Proof Paint Makes It Easier To Do Yourself

Amateur painters, who shudder when they think of the hours they have spent removing droplets of paint from their hair, off their arms or clothes, can now figure that some sort of millennium has arrived. Drip-proof paint, one of the most startling of innovations designed to help the home craftsman, will be demonstrated at the third annual Do-It-Yourself show, July 21-31 at Los Angeles' Pan Pacific Auditorium. It was announced by Show Producer Ted Bentley.

Almost odorless, the drip-proof paint is now available in interior flat color, flat exterior trim and enamel, with other varieties due soon. Practical and easy to use, the painter only has to open the can and start painting, according to Bentley, for it is a self-sealing paint that requires no mixing or thinning. It maintains complete color consistency, leaves no gummy substance in bottom of can. In addition to drip-proof paint, there will be a vast array of new paint finishes, lacquers and finishes, in fact, everything necessary to assist any home handyman or handy gal accomplish a beautiful and economical painting job. Bentley disclosed. Even a flame-proof paint that requires no mixing or thinning. It maintains complete color consistency, leaves no gummy substance in bottom of can.

Geranium, Fuchsia Give Bright Outdoor Color

Dependable producers of bright colors for outdoor living situations are the Fuchsia and the Pelargonium, otherwise known as the Geranium. You'll find that this shrub and this perennial are easy to maintain and most satisfying in their performance with a great variety of colors available for brightening your terrace or patio. In selecting Fuchsias for planting make doubly sure to get the proper variety for your area. In general, Fuchsias do best in the fog belt—every one of the 2000 odd varieties that will perform well in the warm interior locales of the state, and the beginning Fuchsia grower would do well to try these first and then branch into the novelties. Recommended Fuchsias for warm areas are the California, Cardinal, Display, Sunset, all

singles, and Crescendo, Hollydale, doubles. Hanging basket selections in warmer areas are Red Spider or San Francisco, recommends the California Association of Nurserymen. For real gardening ease few plants beat the Geranium. They do especially well in the coastal area along the Pacific but they're satisfactory performers in the valleys when protected from frost. They can be planted in a great variety of situations—potted, in beds, against fences, along driveways, in window boxes. In the common Geranium (Pelargonium hortorum) class some typical and popular varieties are Alaska (white) and Flat Supreme (shrimp pink). Lady Washington geraniums (Pelargonium domesticon) produce showy flowers in white, pink, red, lavender and purple.

Dream House for Children At Do-It-Yourself Show

A house a child can call his own. That has been the dream of many a little boy and girl who had to contend with giant-sized doors, furniture, tables and chairs, as he or she waits somewhat impatiently to grow just a little bigger. A children's playhouse kit, to be displayed at the third annual Do-It-Yourself show, July 21-31 at Los Angeles' Pan Pacific Auditorium, provides all the ingredients to make the child's dream come true, show producer Ted Bentley announced this week. Pre-built for easy construction by the home handyman or handy gal, the 6x6-foot playhouse is designed to scale, and is complete with all the necessary building materials, including detailed instructions, it was disclosed. Boasting louver windows, a "Dutch" door, and fibre-glass awning, the sturdy little house

is moderately priced and designed especially to withstand the most energetic use. The playhouse will be given away at the end of the 10-day exhibition. The lumber and accessory kit is available at local lumber yards. With more than 300 leading manufacturers, retailers and distributors represented at the mammoth show, the largest of its kind in the country, producer Bentley predicted huge crowds will attend. REFRIGERATOR AGE Few mechanical refrigerators were in domestic use in the U. S. before 1921.

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Shrubs Useful As Screens, Windbreaks

One of the charming aspects of plants—and shrubs in particular—is that while they beautify they serve a purpose also. For instance, take the problem of wind and sun; there are all sorts of wooden and concrete fences, screens, etc., that you could construct to ward off the sun's rays and the sharp wind. But how much nicer it is to be protected from sun and wind by attractive shrubs blooming in a variety of foliage and flowers, adding interest in form and line! Among those shrubs that the California Association of Nurserymen recommends as a fine selection for screens and windbreaks is the evergreen Coprosma or Mirror plant. The variety baueri is especially fine for this sort of planting. It grows rapidly to 10 feet with a six-foot spread and glossy leaves, dark to light green. Flowers on this Coprosma variety are an inconspicuous greenish or white; there are also small yellow or orange berries. Keep it in good shape with two yearly prunings, thinning back in winter and pinching back new growth in spring. Also evergreen, the Escallonia is very wind hardy and attractive in appearance. Rated as one of the 10 most useful shrubs for Western gardens the Escallonia is available in four varieties: White (montevideosis), pink (organensis), franciscana and red (rubra). Its foliage is glossy, varying from dark to bronzy green and the flowers white, pink or red, depending on the variety. Horticultural variations offer blooms of cerise, pinkish-white or bright red. Escallonias prefer partial shade when grown inland and will take direct coastal conditions. Correct their bad habit

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How To Plan Your Vacation

The best place to start your vacation is in your own living room—with a carefully drawn up list of things to do before you go. Careful planning means a trouble-free vacation and peace of mind.

1. Stop all deliveries—milk, newspapers, etc. A cluster of milk bottles on your front porch is dangerous. You might just as well put up a sign, "This house is ripe for burglary".
2. Ask the police to keep special watch on your home.
3. Check all your windows. Are they shut and locked, even on floors above the ground? Lots of burglars are second-story men.
4. Plan your packing. Travel light. Take only what you will really need and no more. And don't forget your camera, film, suntan oil, an extra pair of glasses, your portable radio.
5. Plan your route. Don't wait until you are lost on the highway. Pick up a route map and mark your route with crayon.
6. Money. Avoid big wads of cash. Carry most of your funds in American Express Travelers Cheques. You can spend them anywhere and, if they're lost or stolen, you will get your money back. Personal checks are often hard to cash.
7. Mail. Tell the post office to hold your mail or deliver it to a friend's house. A full mailbox is another invitation to burglary.
8. Shut off appliances. Take perishables out of the icebox. Any heating unit or motor-driven appliance is a fire hazard, while you're away.
9. Pets. Be sure to arrange for someone to take care of your pets while you're on vacation. If you can't find an obliging friend, kennels or pet stores will keep them. A happy vacation—and plan it before you leave!

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